## Fact Sheet



Martin O'Malley Governor

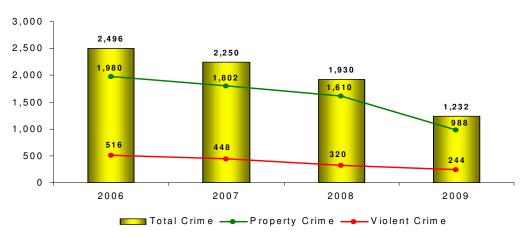
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# **Annapolis**

### Working to reduce violent crime in Maryland

Governor O'Malley's primary concern for the State of Maryland is to provide safety for its citizens. To date, Maryland has the lowest homicide and violent crime numbers in a quarter of a century. However, the real story can be told at the local level where the difficult work of addressing violent crime and supporting victims is done every day. Over the last 3 years, through unprecedented federal, state, and local law enforcement collaboration, Annapolis has seen a 50.6% reduction in total crime, a 52.7% reduction in violent crime, and a 50.1% reduction in property crime. In addition, there have been significant reductions in robberies (-64.5 %), aggravated assaults (-43.8%), breaking & entering (-60.8%), larceny thefts (-44.8%), and motor vehicle thefts (-57.3%) over the same 3 year period.

#### Annapolis Crime Trends 2006 - 2009



### **ANNAPOLIS MAKES AN IMPACT:**

Governor O'Malley's Office of Crime Control and Prevention provided \$798,697 in grant funding to Annapolis from 2007-2009 to prevent and control crime. As a result, Annapolis has:

- Seized or recovered 72 guns
- Made 27 gun arrests
- Prosecuted 56 gun cases
- Arrested 139 gang members
- Entered 6,552 protective orders into state databases
- Prosecuted 84 drug cases

Now more than ever before, crime reduction depends on federal, state, and local collaboration. Real-time information sharing, more effective crime analysis, new technology, the strategic targeting of violent offenders, and improved community resources all contributed to Annapolis' success.

Capital City Safe Streets - The Capital City Safe Streets Coalition is a collaboration of state, local, and federal agencies convened in early 2008 by the Honorable Michael E. Busch, Speaker of the Maryland House of Delegates. The Coalition developed a comprehensive strategic plan to reduce crime in Annapolis predicated on seamless coordination and consistent information sharing among all levels of government.

#### **Key Initiatives**

- Heightened Supervision of Violent Offenders
- CompStat on Demand
- Crime Analysis
- Crime Mapping
- Capital City Safe Streets
- Gang Task
   Force
- Adult Drug Treatment Program
- Capital City Safe Streets Coalition
- Victim Outreach & Assistance
- CSAFE
- Domestic Violence Prevention Initiative
- Court Victim
   Safety Initiative

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- Crime Analysis The Annapolis Police Department hired a crime analyst to help identify, map, and evaluate emerging crime patterns and trends so that appropriate tactical, strategic, and administrative decisions could be made to improve public safety.
- Security Integration Using a risk assessment tool, the Division of Parole and Probation (DPP) identified the most violent repeat offenders under supervision in the Annapolis area and assigned them to the Violence Prevention Unit (VPU), where they are subjected to enhanced monitoring and scrutiny. As of this writing, 70 offenders fall into this category. On a monthly basis DPP provides the Annapolis Police Department with a list of the offenders in Annapolis who have been assigned to VPU so that police can collaborate with DPP agents to monitor these high-risk offenders. DPP instituted a Kiosk check-in system for approximately 360 low risk offenders so that more agents and resources could be devoted to supervising the most violent repeat offenders. The Anne Arundel County Sheriff's Office has worked to serve open arrest warrants in Annapolis. The Annapolis Police Department and their law enforcement partners have used data-driven strategies to deploy manpower and other assets to those areas where crime is most prevalent. As a result, arrests in Annapolis have increased by 30% when compared to a similar period in the previous year. The Annapolis Police Department is also providing timely juvenile arrest information to the Department of Juvenile Services (DJS) so that appropriate action can be taken by DJS Case Managers.
- ➤ Youth Programs The YWCA of Annapolis & Anne Arundel County's Youth Program builds self-esteem, enhances life skills, develops and strengthens character, leadership skills, and cultural awareness through after-school and summer enrichment activities. The program helps youth from two schools in Anne Arundel County with alcohol and substance abuse prevention by keeping them off the streets and redirecting their focus on education and the community.



"Serious crime in Maryland's capital city dropped last year to the lowest levels in 35 years. That drop is directly related to the strong collaborative approach to crime fighting in Annapolis"

Governor Martin O'Malley

"The total number of violent crimes in Annapolis decreased significantly over 2008. These numbers illustrate the importance of partnerships in law enforcement at all levels."

Chief Michael Pristoop